GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2653
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ANTI NATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT RELIGIOUS PLACES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has advised all the border States to coordinate their intelligence gathering efforts with Intelligence Bureau to identify places of worship indulging in anti- national activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government is contemplating to make legislative intervention to regulate activities inside the places of worship and religious institutions; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFARIS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

Under the VIIth Schedule of the Constitution of India, "Law and Order" and "Police" being the State subjects, it is the constitutional responsibility of the State Governments and UT Administrations to protect the places of worship and prevent anti-national and criminal elements from indulging in nefarious/ illegal activities within their precincts. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs also issues necessary advisories for strengthening the security of such places to the concerned States and Union Territories on receipt of specific threat inputs.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise